

SPORTS

Clothing downs Dirty Boyz, wins championship 20 - 18

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Clothing defeated the Dirty Boyz 20–18 in the Championship of the Marine Corps Community Services – South Carolina Intramural Football League Playoffs at the Depot football field Nov. 25.

Clothing was the only unbeaten team in the playoffs after defeating the Dirty Boyz and winning the championship.

The Dirty Boyz seemed to have the first half in their control, but Clothing put the pieces together and tied it up just before the half.

“We should have been up by a touchdown, but they played determined and tough,” said Casper Stephens, Clothing coach and wide receiver.

The Dirty Boyz’ toughness was exemplified in their defense, but Clothing played just as tough.

“Defense was a deciding factor in the game, and set the tone for both teams as we played tough defense throughout the game,” said Danny Thomas, Dirty Boyz coach and quarterback.

The great defensive efforts led to a tie score of 6-6 at the end of the first half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Dirty Boyz got a big run, putting them right outside of the goal line. On the following play, they put the ball in the end zone and pulled ahead 12 - 6.

The tide seemed to be turning in the Dirty Boyz’ favor when they came up with an interception on Clothing’s next

drive. However, that interception was negated by a pass interference call.

While the call may have been disappointing to the Boyz, Clothing was pleased with the night’s officiating.

“The referees let us play more and weren’t as involved in this game as earlier in the season and playoffs,” said Stephens. “So, that wasn’t as much of a factor as it seemed.”

After the call against the Boyz, Clothing moved downfield to attempt to tie the game back up. Clothing’s quarterback, Toriano Bonaparte, and Stephens seemed to be the only two on the field during the drive as they completed play after play successfully.

“He played quarterback and I played wide receiver in high school, so that knowledge led to great field communication,” said Stephens.

The communication only carried them so far. They made it to the 1 or 2-yard line when the Dirty Boyz got another interception. However, the momentum from that interception carried the defensive back into and out of the side of the end zone, resulting in a safety for the Boyz. Clothing got the ball back on their 10-yard line with the score 12 – 8 in the Boyz favor.

Clothing’s next drive was highlighted by a play by wide receiver Danny Fisher. His 35-yard reception put Clothing well inside the Dirty Boyz’ territory. The drive was capped off with a touchdown catch by Stephens, giving Clothing a 14 –12 lead.



Danny Thomas, coach and quarterback for the Dirty Boyz, searches for a teammate while Clothing linebacker John Epps rushes the passer during the Intramural Flag Football Championship game at the Depot football field Nov. 25. The Dirty Boyz put forth their all, but came up short on a last and final effort, allowing Clothing to become the 2003 champions.

On the following drive, Thomas led his team downfield, scrambling and passing to put them on the 5-yard line. Thomas’ momentum carried him all the way into the end zone when he scored his team’s next touchdown to give the Dirty Boyz an 18 –14 lead.

With a little more than a minute to play in the game, the Dirty Boyz needed to hold on defensively to get the win and take home the championship. However, Clothing had other plans.

Bonaparte and Stephens hooked up again on what could be considered the climactic play of the game. Stephens caught a 5-yard pass from Bonaparte and ran for 25 yards before he pitched the ball to an awaiting teammate who continued the play to the 1-yard line. It took several plays to make it into the end zone, but Clothing’s persistence paid off

with a touchdown grab by wide receiver John Epps to produce the final score of the game.

With the championship trophy in sight, Clothing could all but taste victory, but their opponents had one more chance to take it from them.

Clothing’s players turned up the heat to contain the Boyz in the final seconds.

“The will to win and finish the season really motivated us to win this game,” said Stephens.

The Dirty Boyz put forth their all, but came up short on a last and final effort, allowing Clothing to become the 2003 MCCC-SC Intramural Football Champions.

“It was a long season,” said Stephens. “The referees and players had a lot of friction during the season, and we were just glad to put this season behind us.”



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester Toriano Bonaparte, Clothing quarterback, throws while scrambling to elude a Dirty Boyz defender Nov. 25. Clothing won the game 20 – 18 to become the 2003 champs.

Coach/PMI of the Week ...



Cpl. Jennifer Brofer.

Inchon Range Coach Sgt. Joshua Wilson helped 12 recruits from Platoon 2006, Hotel Co., 2nd RTBn., to rifle qualification. Wilson coached six experts, three sharpshooters and three marksmen.

Primary Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. Chris Williamson (not pictured) helped qualify 95.9 percent of the recruits from Platoon 2005, Hotel Co., 2nd RTBn., making him the PMI of the Week. The platoon achieved an average score of 208.6.



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